

Reflection Platform on Military Mission Integrity – call for papers, identification of interests

The Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defence Academies and Security Research Institutes (PfP C) Security Sector Reform Working Group (SSR WG) seeks to establish a reflection platform on Mission Integrity in Military Missions.

While Integrity Building has taken on a dynamic of its own within NATO and other regional and international organisations, it has yet to reach the area of military missions, despite the fact that discussions at the national and international level continue with regard to corruption and how best to tackle it.

In light of the above, the SSR WG proposes to establish a reflection group (combining conceptual, and eventually, operational interests). As a first step, we will:

- Collect papers for a survey on the status of thinking on the below questions; and
- Convene a meeting of like-minded researchers and practitioners to explore possibilities of an action plan within the PfP C, and possibly beyond.

We believe the following questions to be of relevance:

- (1) How lack of Integrity affects the success of a mission
- (2) How lack of integrity affects host country population perceptions of the mission and nations contributing to missions
- (3) How lack of Integrity affects host countries' values and lifestyle
- (4) Operational definitions of Mission Integrity
- (5) Mission Planning and Integrity – how can Integrity criteria become part of Mission planning
- (6) How to encourage/enforce Mission Integrity (Codes of Conduct, Laws, others)
- (7) Is there a role for parliaments of sending nations (parliamentary oversight) to guide and watch over mission integrity
- (8) Should specific governmental/intergovernmental bodies be created to watch over mission integrity?
- (9) Missions and Law. Should there be Mission specific Legislation - if so, what would it look like?
- (10) Prevailing narrative on- and empirical examples of how a lack of Integrity affects/affected delivery of military mission objectives.

The SSR WG invites contributions to this reflection process, based upon the aforementioned questions of relevance, until 30 June, 2018.

Cordially,

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